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The cover picture of David Ennals in full spate is by Scott Shaw.



Toc H seeks to create friendship and understanding among people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Local group activities range from holidays for the handicapped and children's playschemes to arts festivals and even bird-watching. Toc H is short for Talbot House: the soldiers' club in Belgium founded by the Reverend 'Tubby' Clayton in 1915. Today Toc H provides opportunities for people to test the relevance of practical Christianity and we welcome anyone who would like to give us a try.

Members accept a four-fold commitment:

1. To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
4. To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points — to think fairly.

# VIEWPOINT

'Christianity and the World' is the title of this year's Reith Lectures by Rev Edward Norman, Dean of Peterhouse College, Cambridge.

In the three talks we have heard so far, Dr Norman has been hammering the Western church for forgetting its universal spiritual message and thinking and talking in the language of secular liberalism. Churchmen increasingly talk of temporary and local political ideas (which may be good ones) as though they were universal and everlasting truths (which plainly they are not). Further, they have been 'conned' into tacitly accepting the whole liberal political framework of thinking — a framework largely designed by modern scientific humanists who have made no pretence that their man-centred philosophy is based on Christ.

The first lecture (*The Political Christ*) highlighted the attitudes Dr Norman is attacking. He quickly got the World Council of Churches into his sights, disputing its claim that it is no more radical than its member churches. Its spokesmen are a liberal elite. Indeed, the very revolutionaries of the Third World — in Chile as much as in Africa — are not the desperate, oppressed peasants, but university students or young professionals from middle class families. (Sheila Cassidy, writing of her experiences in a Chile prison.) They too, Dr Norman claims, are small élites who have been moved by the radical politics of the modern secular liberal culture. Nor are these groups interested in majority views. He quotes Dr Philip Potter, the WCC's general secretary, as saying, 'Any movement for change would always be in a minority because people don't want change'.

In his second lecture (*Ministers of Change*), Dr Norman attacked the selective left wing partiality of these modern churchmen and gave some telling examples. Let me quote one. *During the Nairobi assembly, in 1975, groups of delegates went off to visit the slum shanty towns at the edge of the city — where about a third of the population actually lives. None of them appears to have used the experience as evidence of political injustice, calling down anathemas on the regime; for Kenya is black Africa. Visits by Christian activists to comparable slums in South Africa or Chile are made the basis of extravagant condemnations of the political systems that allow them. But those are countries whose governments are for other, political reasons earmarked for destruction. That is the difference.*

The third lecture was called *A New Commandment: Human Rights*. Our concept of human rights is a local, political idea, not a universal Christian one. Orthodox Church leaders in the USSR, for example, defend the Soviet attitude on this question and attack ours. They seem to do this not to curry favour with an oppressive regime, but because they believe what they say. The core of their faith is public worship, not social change and Orthodox Church leaders insist that they have all the freedoms they need. Obsession with human rights defined in current Western terms is not only new but it is also local.

This is all stirring stuff, even when delivered in the calm tones of academic analysis. But it is high time that we were warned of the violent swing the pendulum has taken in the last couple of decades. It has led churchmen to become obsessed with this world's problems, to attempt to solve them without real thought or political expertise and to set their theology in a secular framework. Other worldliness, Dr Norman reminds us, is at the heart of the Christian message: we are called to prepare for eternity, not to provide a social service charter for the present.

Of course, Dr Norman may have over corrected the pendulum's swing. After all, it is not long since our leaders rather overdid the other worldly bit. There used to be rather too much of the educated and the comfortable preaching to the wretchedly apathetic poor that it didn't much matter how unfairly goods and happiness were shared out in this life since the balance would be redressed in the life to come. Christianity is not solely or centrally about putting right this world's injustices but we have the highest authority for believing that to ignore the suffering of our neighbour is totally incompatible with love of God.

I strongly support Dr Norman's warning against identifying a local and ephemeral political philosophy with everlasting and universal truth. But I look forward with interest to seeing if Dr Norman plans to get the pendulum back to dead centre before he finishes. After all, a churchman (however other worldly) living at present in Chile or Cuba or Rhodesia or Vietnam might be facing a moral problem. Suppose that to him the only hope of relieving the fear and wretchedness of his neighbours lies in resisting the government of the day — openly or secretly. What then is his Christian duty? The old Christian philosophers had a theory about tyrannicide that was fairly clear and certainly less partial and selective than the predominantly left wing radicalism of so many modern churchmen. I wonder what Dr Norman's answer will be?

FGR

Note: 'Christianity and World Order' will be published in book form in February by Oxford University Press at £3.25 (£1.50 in paperback).



# FOR YOUR DIARY

## WHAT WENT ON AT THE BRANCH LAST NIGHT?

### ALISON HOUSE

This year's Alison House weekend for members of staff and of the CEC of the former Women's Association will be held from 11 to 13 May 1979. Those planning to attend should write as soon as possible to:

Marjorie Berry, High Tor, 28 Vicarage Road, Penn, Wolverhampton.

### LOOK LIVELY!

This is the theme title chosen for the 1979 Bangor Summer School. Variations on the theme will be put by Johnnie MacMillan, Alan Daniels, Huw Gibbs and Frank Rice.

Places on the summer school are limited so book as soon as possible. All enquiries and bookings, please, to Cyril Carrier, 367 Hungerford Road, Crewe, Cheshire (Tel: 0270-582870). The place: Church Hostel, Bangor. Date: 2-7 July inclusive. Cost: £30.

### TOCH AND CHIPS!

This was the title of a question asked at Central Council, which led to a valuable discussion on the future effects of the Silicon Chip, and the prospect of growing, rather than diminishing, unemployment. One estimate is that we shall have five million unemployed in 20 years time!

At the Council, the Director challenged branches and Districts to initiate more detailed discussion about this topic. In response, the Gloucester District Executive are organising a Dor Knap weekend on the subject, with expert speakers. This weekend will be open to any member, or friend, of Toc H and is not restricted to members from the Gloucester district.

Dates: Friday May 25 to Monday May 28 (The Spring Holiday)  
Cost: £15 per head.

Applications — enclosing £3 deposit — to John Mitchell, Kryle House, Edde Cross Street, Ross Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

Jack never seemed to see the points that Margaret was making. But she made them clear enough. Then when Irene was arguing with Bob, she had Joyce's support whatever she said. And what got into Chris?

This sort of reflection is a common experience with all who are regularly involved in discussions in a group, and especially those who find themselves leading the discussions. There sometimes seems to be a hidden barrier, or an unspoken communication, between people, quite separate from the discussion, and yet having effect upon it.

If you would like to recognise more readily what is happening in the group, join Dot Brett, Tom Gulliver, Bob Knight and John Mitchell for a weekend of discussions and role play sessions, to explore this fascinating subject.

Dor Knap is the place. 6-8 April 1979 the date. The cost will be £10. Send a £3 deposit now to book a place to Tom Gulliver, 106 Nore Road, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 8EN.



Take your pick... and shovel! Toc H project volunteers at the Newton Field Centre, Kettering. The centre aims to help people understand and enjoy ecology and conservation.



# IN BRIEF...

■ I was pleased to note that the theme of the 50th birthday party of **Rawmarsh (S Yorks) Women's Branch** was 'to spur us on further'. 120 members and friends attended and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress were present. Five of the branch's founder members are still active and a sixth came from Scotland to join them for the celebration. Bill Bains of the NE Regional staff outlined some of the past and present activities of the branch, founder member Mrs Fenton took Light and Rev Brian Blades conducted a short rededication service. An entertainment and refreshments rounded off a day of celebration and thanks and a looking forward to the future.

■ **Ipswich (Suffolk) Women's Branch** celebrated their 50th birthday last autumn. Some 140 members and friends attended a service of thanksgiving in St Mary at Stoke church (the service conducted by the Rector, Rev D J Yates and the address given by Rev Peter Kefford). At the social gathering afterwards, the birthday cake was cut by founder member Mrs Frances Gillson and Mrs Kay Lingwood who started her Toc H membership in Somerset 50 years ago.

■ **Jimmy Neilly** (of 'Black Holes' fame!) has sent a report of the recent **Beds, Herts and N Bucks rally in Hemel Hempstead** which attracted some 150 members from 19 branches plus present and past staff members (including Mayne Elson, Colin Campbell and Margaret Lawrence). The rally was addressed by the Dacorum District Council Chairman who paid glowing tributes to the work of Toc H in the area. A lusty rendering of Barclay Baron's hymn 'Go forth with God' was a highlight of the service (conducted by the Rector of Hemel Hempstead). Rev John Hull spoke (and sang, and played!) on 'The Creative Use of Leisure in Toc H'. The Mayland Players entertained with spirit and talent and audience rapport (literally, when the ladies in the company took their places on the laps of the men in the front rows!) At the end, there was that near miraculous switch from noise and laughter to the quiet of home-going thanksgiving prayers. Many people — not all of them seen or named — contributed to the happiness of the evening. As Jimmy says, '... Recipe for success: a hall packed with enthusiasts; a thanksgiving service reinforced with a full throated rendering of the Toc H hymn; add a generous proportion of John Hull and sustenance for the inner man; top off with a scintillating performance by talented players ...'

■ **Wem (Salop) Joint Branch** seem to be going from strength to strength judging by the wide ranging local press reports I have seen. Last September they took a party of handicapped people (with their relatives) on a day out to Prestatyn, N Wales. Helped by Toc H branches in Prestatyn and Rhyl, the 38 people involved had a grand day and Wem hope to make this an annual event. They have now planned a 'Know Your Town' exhibition, calling together 27 local organisations to help introduce the town's social amenities to the public. The response has been good and Toc H Wem has undertaken to cover the cost of hiring the Town Hall. Their chairman, Alec Turner, told the press: '... The exhibition will let people know the organisations they can join and the leisure activities they can take part in. It is a way of publicising Wem and its social amenities'.

■ In November, **Medway and Sheppey District** gathered together some 60 members and friends for a happy social evening they hope to make an annual event. The gathering was in the Gillingham Men's Branch meeting room (the men providing tea!) and was followed by a service in the adjoining St Peter's. The service was conducted by the District Padre (Rev Colin Elliott) and the incumbent (Rev David Winwood) who is a Gillingham Branch member.

■ **Troon (Cornwall) Women's Branch** achieved full branch status only last July but already their activities are impressive. They opened a charity shop which raised £100 in its first two weeks and enabled them to present a radio/cassette recorder to the local hospital. They joined in last summer's village carnival to help raise funds for a village hall (now built!) and gained first prize for their float entry. These are just samples of the many ways in which this 12 strong new branch is serving its community. Well done Troon! And congratulations on the excellent press coverage you are getting.

■ **Hednesford (Staffs) Men's Branch** have told us of a welcome visitor to one of their meetings. Colin Websdell, a Norfolk member, physically handicapped, met the branch some years ago when he was on holiday in the area. Recently, he returned to show slides of one of the Norfolk camps, with a taped commentary by Olive Tennant. His excellent reception grew even warmer when he produced a bottle of sherry to share with his audience!

■ **Tunbridge Wells District Chairman George Dillaway** writes with great enthusiasm to tell us of a happy and successful 'mini handi' organised by the District for some 40 local disabled young people. The venue was a local school and more than 30 sixth formers together with the Toc H Volunteers Weekend Project Group (who also provided the music) partnered the chairbound guests. A local committee decorated the hall and local branches provided the refreshments. Each guest left with a personal gift (provided by Woolworth, Sainsbury, Marks & Spencer and British Home Stores). The town's Deputy Mayor (with his Mayoress) was present and spoke warmly of the response by young people to the Toc H Appeal for help. The famous Toc H coach did all the ferrying of guests. As George said in his letter, '... A whole lot of good was done this night!'

■ **Toc H Centre, Cardiff** was the scene of a great celebration last November when some 30 members and friends met to congratulate Agnes Cook on her 50 years of membership. She was given flowers and a scroll of honour. Agnes has served several terms on the Central Executive Committee and at the 1978 Central Council was confirmed as one of the Movement's Trustees. During the Cardiff ceremony, Agnes expressed particular pleasure at the presence of representatives of the young people's group which meets in the Centre. Agnes took Light and the ceremony closed with the Main Resolution and family prayers.

## ALISON HOUSE HOLIDAY WEEKS

1979 Alison House 'Holiday Weeks' are as follows:

30 Jun-7 Jul	Warden Manor Reunion
10 Jul-17 Jul	Hostess—Violet Walker
28 Jul-4 Aug	Warden Manor Reunion
7 Aug-16 Aug	Painting Week
18 Aug-25 Aug	Hosting—Archie & Marjorie Berry

Further information from: Frank Howlett, Alison House, Intake Lane, Cromford, Matlock DE4 3RH (Tel: 0629-82-2316)



# WELCOME

The following branches elected new members during October:

- 5 — Bingham (w), Fylde District
- 3 — Troon (m)
- 2 — Culcheth Aquarius (Warrington) (j)  
Llandrindod Wells (j), Southampton  
Magpies (j) group
- 1 — Ayr (j), Bakewell (j), Bala (w),  
Beds & North Herts District,  
Brunel (Bristol) (j), Cardiff Younger  
Element (j) group, Dittons (j),  
East Worthing (w), Gemini  
(Warrington) (j) group, Kirkley (w),  
Leigh (j), Loddon (j), Lymington (j),  
Nailsea (m), North Hants District,  
St Helier (Jersey) (m),  
Sandown/Shanklin (j), Southill (w),  
South Tees (j) group, Wem (j),  
Wroughton (w)

## A warm welcome to 40 new members

Elmstead (Essex) Joint Branch initiated their parish priest as a new member last autumn. He is Rev Keith Michael Lovell, already the branch padre.



Photo: John Dickson

In the lovely grounds of Caversham Court, White Horse Vale District held their colourful annual fete to help raise funds to provide a holiday for 25 handicapped children. In the picture Rev Bob Knight and Reg Peters man the publicity stand.



Photo: Northampton Newspapers Ltd



Photo: John Dickson

A Magpie captured! Last summer, the Southern Region's youth action group, (Magpies), took some youngsters from a local children's home to a steam rally, fun fair and picnic.

Handicapped 77 year old Albert Moss has been given a new lease of life by the gift of a secondhand electric wheelchair. Kettering (Northants) Men's Branch issued an appeal on a Tuesday, received

the total amount required from an anonymous donor on Friday of the same week and delivered the chair next day! Is this a record?



**What's That?** by Virginia Allen-Jensen, pub Collins. Price £3.95

I want to draw your attention to a unique book to be published in March 1979. The title is *What's That?* and it is designed to provide a shared experience for sighted children and those who are blind or partially sighted.

*What's That?* is an illustrated story book for young children. The characters and background in the story are in raised print with surfaces of different textures so that a blind child can follow them with his fingers. The pictures are in black on yellow paper (the colours that partially sighted children can most easily discern). Sighted children can read the printed text, and, of course, see the pictures. So all the children can enjoy the same book together and learn from one another.

The book has been tested for RNIB by the College of the Teachers of the Blind.

1979 is the International Year of the Child and this book is highly commended by UNICEF.

If you want to know more about *What's That?* or can spread the news of its publication, write to Sonia Birch, Collins, 14 St James's Place, London SW1A 1PS, for free descriptive leaflets.

If you want to buy the book, send a cheque/PO for the cost price plus 28p postage and packing to: The Children's Department, Wm Collins Sons & Co Ltd at the same address. FGR

## Triumphant Laughter (Poems 1914-1917) by Ernest Denny

There have, alas, been many more wars since the 'war to end war' and they have been inspirations for a vast amount of writing in prose and verse, but World War I occasioned more emotional writing than any other. There are immortal names like Owen, Sassoon, Brooke, Blunden, but there were hundreds of others, unheard of and forgotten, and it is interesting today to read a small collection, hidden for so many years, during which so much has happened. Those of us who have lived through times of further horror since 1918, so much more violence, inhumanity and tragedy, might almost expect to have become hardened to incalculable disasters, or at least to accept them as a necessary and unavoidable ingredient of modern life, if only in emotional self defence. Why, then, can one still be moved, as I was, by a dozen and a half unknown verses, written from the trenches long ago?

The title of this small collection must be ironic, for it belies its contents, which include no laughter and nothing triumphant.

Laurence Binyon wrote, in 1914, of 'the grandeur of our fate', but there is no echo of that sentiment here. Ernest Denny, killed in 1917 at the age of 29, expresses no idealism, no consciousness of the nobility of man; here is no 'Pack up your troubles' spirit, no trace of the irrepressible, if grim, humour, which many writers found, even in the hell of those days and conditions. He displays not so much a horror or fear of ever present danger and death, but sorrow for

things he has known and is certain he will never know again, and his note is one of fatalistic resignation.

Here is no play of war, nor is the poem motivated by patriotism or the conviction of a just cause. He sees his life as 'One phantasmagoria of a delirious god, One fruitless agony of splendid souls' and says:  
'I'll return not - there has died  
A god - one slain by circumstance!!'

Denny employs differing and original, attractive styles and rhythms, but clearly likes the iambic metre and makes some use of the sonnet form. He produces some interesting rhyming patterns with, here and there, a quaint and charming style, almost like a bygone age, as in 'My lady lies a-sleeping,  
Ah! go you in with fear ...'

My favourite in this collection was 'Song', while I found the last poem, 'Lines', which I liked the least, a weak one to end this collection, just as that poem itself ends with, to me, two weak lines.

This is not all great verse, but there is some beauty and originality here and this voice of the past can still move one with grief for the pitiless, pointless loss of those who, like Christ in Denny's 'By a wayside Calvary', cry aloud 'with lips that make no sound.'

Betty Cornick

'Triumphant Laughter' is published by Brentham Press, 137 Fowler's Walk, London W5, at £1, post free.

*This is what it's all about! At this one to one project, each volunteer was paired with one child during this holiday for handicapped children at Minstead Lodge in the New Forest.*

Fourteen volunteers, aged 17-42, (among them a nurse, BR guard, student and merchant seaman) entertained the children with a variety of pursuits or, as Philip Douch, one of the project leaders put it: '... were subject to our combined idiocies for an hilarious and rewarding week.'

Philip pays tribute to the excellent support from four branches, who contacted the children's parents and did much of the groundwork. Funds for the project were raised with a sponsored knit-in throughout the Southern Region. All the volunteers want to be involved again, says Philip. We're not surprised.





# CENTRAL COUNCIL

## 3-5 November 1978



The guest speaker at the 1978 Council was Rt Hon David Ennals PC MP, Secretary of State for Social Services. His subject was *Good Neighbours*. He gave us a sparkling and fascinating address which was followed by so lively a discussion that we were all astonished when the one and a half hour session came to an end. It was heartening to find that the Government's senior spokesman on health and social service matters was so much on our net. Mr Ennals revealed himself as a warm, sincere man and he was given a great ovation. There is no doubt that he was the most popular guest speaker we have had at Council for some years and we are most grateful that so busy a man, working constantly as he does under severe pressures, gave us so much of his time. We are not reporting his speech here because we hope soon to make a cassette recording available to branches and groups.

## Resolutions

It was proposed by Edith Churchill, seconded by John Pickard (both of S Wales & W Mid Region) that the requirement that Motions to the Central Council should have the support of the proposer's District be abolished. The motion was defeated.



Edith Churchill

The resolution proposed by Arthur Blackburn seconded by Wyn Roberts (both of N Wales and NW Region) was slightly amended by Council to read as follows:

That this Council determines that the occasion of the National Festival 1980 shall provide the highlight for a planned campaign to stimulate a resurgence of the



Arthur Blackburn

spirit of the Movement, and to widen its impact in society in the 80s. To this end the Central Executive Committee is instructed actively and expeditiously to formulate plans in conjunction with the membership for maximum impact in 1980 throughout the Regions; with particular relevance to renewed opportunities for commitment to the purposes of the Movement from the present membership, and the promotion of developments which will provide younger persons with experience of the Christian inspired life in the Movement and the vision to encourage them to sustain it in the future.

The resolution, as amended, was carried.

The resolution under the heading Branches and Projects was withdrawn.

## Our Objectives



The Director devoted the main part of a stirring address to spelling out what he saw as our three main aims and to relating these to the communities in which we live.

But first he emphasised the encouragement and confidence to be drawn from the past year's work. We have seen the Cotswold Festival; a greatly improved financial picture; the enthusiasm, energy and generous giving of younger members; more people coming to join us.

'If we are to have the kind of self confidence that will enable us to spread hope to a world which too often seems

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## Our Objectives (cont.)

to be poisoned by despair we need to be clear about our objectives . . .

'The first I would define as providing opportunities for people to meet who wouldn't otherwise do so. Enabling people to meet across the class barrier, across the industrial divide, across the generation gap, across the race barrier . . . We exist to enable people to form unlikely friendships . . . We exist to bring together those who have nothing in common except their common humanity. I think there may be some who see this not as an objective but as a kind of fortunate by-product, a happy accident. If, however, we understand quite clearly that it's a basic objective, that puts it in a very different perspective. Pursuing this aim more actively will in itself open up opportunities. Toc H, we believe, is not just a pleasant hobby which occupies some of our leisure time. It's a way of life . . .

'Our second basic objective is to encourage good neighbourliness, to encourage mutual help and caring in local communities . . .

'The third . . . is the most important of all . . . I would define it as enabling people to discover the values which are important to them, to become more aware of the spiritual dimension of life and to grow in religious faith. There are a great many people today on whom religion and the religious view of life have never impinged. They haven't rejected it. It has never been enough of a reality to be accepted or rejected. At the same time there are many people who recognise that materialism is not enough, and who are searching desperately for they don't know quite what. It is for all of these people that Toc H exists, and for whom Toc H has been proved to have something precious to offer . . .

' . . . They are all three things which the world desperately needs today. They will make a real contribution to the building of a better world. We should pursue them simply because they are the contribution we are called on to make to society. They are a call to us to be outward looking rather than inward looking, to worry more about the aims for which we exist than about our structures and our domestic concerns. If we take the challenge of these objectives seriously we shall find that many will want to associate themselves with us. We may even find it has an effect on the membership figures . . .

## Other Business

Don Lockhart, Chairman of the Properties Committee reminded us that Dor Knap's lease ran out in 1980 and would not be renewed. Efforts to find a suitable replacement in or near the Cotswolds were continuing. If you spot anything suitable, please let Wendover know.

Frank Rice, introducing a discussion on internal communications, spoke of the importance of personal contact. Paper contact was not enough. He emphasised Central Councillors' vital role as personal links in the communications chain and suggested they should make this a top priority in their work. He referred to papers on this theme by Connie Tate (Merseyside) and John Morgan (SE Regional Chairman). Copies of these papers have been sent to all Councillors.

Gerry Ashfield, our Hon Treasurer, was 'quite pleased' with the year's financial result. The deficit was a little smaller and giving to Family Purse had almost reached the magic £5 a head. He reminded us of his earlier challenge to give one day's pay a year to our branch and one to the Family Purse.

Gilbert Francis, General Secretary, outlined the changes that had followed the O & M Study of HQ. The saving of six and a half posts had been successfully carried through though there was no longer spare capacity to cope with illness, holidays etc.

Speakers from three Regions spoke of continuing progress in the whole field of Youth Development.

Gerry Ashfield's re-appointment as Honorary Treasurer was approved unanimously. His new term was for two years only (at his own request).

*Some of the speakers during Council discussions. Many of them echoed what seemed to be the general theme: the need to be outward looking rather than over concerned with structures and domestic problems.*



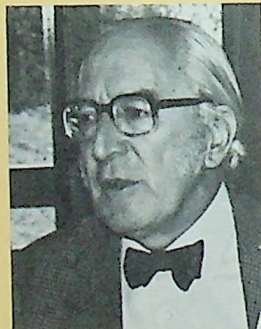
Albert Sturgeon  
(Middlesbrough)



Alan Ridgeon (Crayford)



Helen Meads (Birmingham)



George Davis (Newbury –  
now a Toc H Vice-President)



John Morgan  
(SE Regional Chairman)



Jimmy Cliffe (Lincs)



Cobby Dyer (Essex)



Rev Bob Knight  
(Southern Regional staff)



# Celebration



Council ended with an address by the Chaplain, Rev John Hull, on the theme of celebration. It was a stirring note on which which to end and it is sad that space does not permit us to print his text in full.

John started by talking of the peaks of the past year. There was the opening by the Queen Mother of Clayton House — now a warm home for people who have no other. The Hop Feast at Poperinge brought together in the old Flanders battle area Germans, French, Belgians and British in a triumph of friendship and celebration. The response to the first Celebration Service of Thanksgiving for Tubby's Ministry was tremendous and we hope to make it an annual event in the All Hallows calendar. The Cotswold Festival is still in our minds. 'Through a rich assortment of painting, music, poetry,

craft, drama, dance, food and friendship, many gained a glimpse of the Glory. The Eucharist in the amphitheatre which ended it all was something many will treasure . . . There are some who lived on the strength of that celebration for weeks afterwards, others who have gained fresh vision in their membership of Toc H and some who have joined us because of it . . . Let's not forget those smaller yet no less significant things — the casual encounter, a relationship that has become closer, the things that happen for which all we can do is to thank Almighty God . . .'

'When we read the Main Resolution of Toc H we acknowledge the experience of men at the Old House — they discovered that behind the ebb and flow of things temporal stand the eternal realities. We recall their pledge — to fight at all costs for the setting up of his Kingdom upon earth; to listen now and always for the voice of God; to know His will revealed in Christ and to do it fearlessly, reckoning nothing of the world's opinion or its successes . . . ; towards this end, to think fairly, to love widely, to witness humbly, to build bravely. These are strong words — what a celebration of faith! . . .'

'We have taken chances over the years with ecumenical relations and practice. If Fred's an Anglican or a Baptist, he's not just smiled at and tolerated — he's Fred . . . If we are taking chances with relationships, we need to consider seriously our role in the dialogue . . . with those of other faiths . . . We have nothing to fear and all to gain. We do not have to abandon our Christian identity.

Jesus excluded no-one from His teaching. It's a matter of how widely we are prepared to love.'

' . . . I have the feeling we are on the brink of new discoveries, more lasting relationships and a deeper commitment to a Christian set of values . . . There will be much thinking and prayer and, I hope much celebration . . . At our London Festival in 1980 we can bring all these things together, and thank God for them, in Westminster Cathedral . . . In the Central Hall we shall try to share in the excitement of belonging to a Movement of people who respond to the challenge of thinking fairly, loving widely, witnessing humbly and building bravely — and laughing heartily . . .'

'But let's not wait till then to celebrate — we can do that where we are. I believe it is only a Celebrating Faith that can transform, bring light where darkness is, bring hope where all seems lost, bring love to those who feel abandoned, restore dignity and purpose to those who can find no meaning.'

'This is where the real thing is. No one of us is really equal to the task but we don't do it because we're good enough. We try to do it because that is the challenge that membership of this Movement means . . .'

'We're here to love widely. So let's get on with it and celebrate the Love that God has shown to this Movement over the years — and is still showing to us today.'

## Diversion!

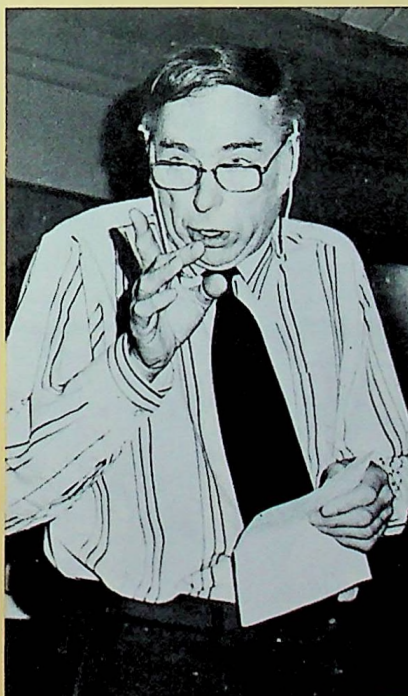
Staff and members entertained us royally on Saturday evening under the sparkling leadership of John Burgess.



*Nancy Rennie (or Joyce Grenfell) coaching the tiny tots to be beautiful flowers.*



*Adrian Dudman (accomp Sue Cumming) in his 'Noddy song'.*



*George Boyle (or is it Larry Grayson?)*

## Questions

An innovation at this year's Council was the **Question Session**. Councillors were invited to submit questions in advance or to place them in a box in the conference hall. The Chairman called on the appropriate person to answer the question and, insofar as time permitted, then allowed supplementary questions and discussion. The idea was popular but we had grossly underestimated the time such a session needs. There was time to answer only a handful of questions and there was no time at all for discussion on what may have proved the most controversial question — that of national publicity. We hope that next year's Council will repeat the experiment and give more time to it. Meanwhile, all questioners who were not answered at Council will receive written answers and **Point Three** will extend the discussion. During the coming months, we shall print a selection of the questions and answers and invite readers to continue the discussion. We shall start in next month's issue with Frank Rice's answer on national publicity and some of the comments he has since received.



# CENTRAL COUNCIL 1978

## The 1979 Central Executive Committee

This year there were 20 candidates for the 12 seats so that a healthy election was possible. The new CEC includes representatives from seven of the eight Regions. Three women were elected. We have one Catholic, one Quaker, one Methodist, one URC member and eight Anglicans. The average age is 55. Two additional members have been co-opted — one man and one woman.



*Jim Blake — S E Region*



*Harry Brier — NE Region*



*John Cutt — Mid E Region*



*Mary Edwards —  
SW Region*



*Len Elphick —  
Mid E Region*



*Arthur Frymann —  
Mid E Region*



*Jim Lewis — Scottish Region*



*Don Lockhart — SE Region*



*Rose Radford —  
W Mids & S Wales Region*



*Janet Rauch — SE Region*



*Dick Roberts —  
N Wales & NW Region*



*Roy Tindle — SE Region*



*Dick Stayman — NE Region*



*Liz Taylor — SE Region*



# Conservation of our Coastal Heritage

By Dr J C W Howden

Since John Burgess' short article (Conservation?) in the August 1978 issue, we have had indications from many parts of the country of the growing Toc H concern with this important subject. A look through our Letters pages and a glance at the illustrations of our summer activities show this clearly. So we are pleased to be able to print here an article by Dr Howden who is the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Officer and who has already made use of Toc H help.

Even today John Masfield's 'I must go down to the sea again . . .' must be one of the few poems every child knows, and not just because it is included in every poetry primer. Let's admit it, it stirs something hidden deep in our genes; whether we view it from the yardarm of a schooner off the Mull of Kintyre or from the end of Brighton Pier, the sea is part of our life.

Enjoyment at the seaside has been an important part of our lives since the Prince Regent took a fancy to Brighton and Mr Thos Cook began to arrange trips to the coast for Nottingham miners in the 1850s. A holiday at a seaside resort has been traditionally part of the British way of life for a century or more, but within our own lifetimes this has become a part of our social history. No longer do the packed excursions stream into Scarborough, Llandudno or Porthcawl. The motor car has swept away restrictions on the places we can visit and more leisure time and more money to spend tempt us out of doors on any sunny weekend. Remote beaches have become increasingly under pressure; too many visitors destroy the peace and quiet, uproot the flora, frighten off the fauna and eventually erode the area into an urbanised traffic jam.

Nowhere have the results of these changes been more striking than along our coasts; in the open country visitors have the chance to disperse but by the sea people are inevitably crowded into a narrow area along the shore. Associated facilities for caravans, car parks and cafes have sprung up, spoiling the natural, undeveloped scenery.

These pressures along the coasts of our crowded islands have worried many. As long ago as the late 1950s, the National Trust began 'Operation Neptune', buying on behalf of the nation some of our most attractive stretches of coastline. In 1970 a report by the Countryside Commission

highlighted these problems and suggested that the best areas of coast should be specially protected as 'Heritage Coasts' to conserve for ourselves and future generations the best of our unspoilt coastlines; 40 such areas have now been defined (see map).

In order to gain practical experience in the planning and management of these new Heritage Coasts, the Countryside Commission, working jointly with local authorities, has set up three pilot studies. Glamorgan was the first to appoint a special management officer and was closely followed by Suffolk and Dorset.

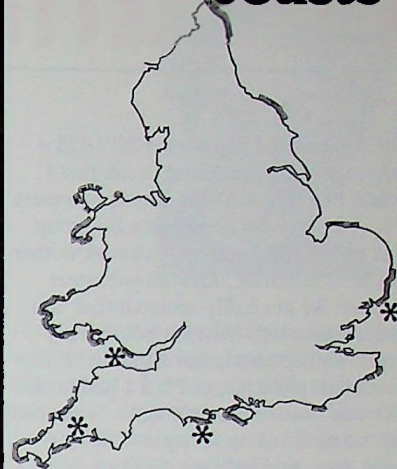
In South Wales the 14 miles of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast stretches from Porthcawl to Aberthaw. Although just under two million people live within 40 minutes travelling distance, this coast is virtually undisturbed, but with the completion of the M4 and the increasing demand for local recreational facilities in Britain the pressures are likely to increase. Thus, we have had a unique opportunity to plan ahead in consultation with all local interests before the pressure became too great.

The four local authorities in Glamorgan (the two Counties of South and Mid-Glamorgan and Ogwr and Vale of Glamorgan Borough Councils) recognised the need to improve the four existing recreational sites to act as local 'honey pots' for the visitors; thereby, leaving much of the defined area inaccessible to motor vehicles. Agriculture and nature conservation in these remote areas play the major part but pedestrian access is also being improved with proper sign-posting and way marking. New links have been negotiated with landowners to improve the situation for both the farmer and the Rambler.

Interpretation of natural and historic features along the coast plays a role in their enjoyment. Parts of the coastline have unique geological interest and many areas are steeped in tales of folklore. Coastal fortifications dating from pre-Roman times to the last war have all played a part in the history of this maritime nation.

Such a scheme to conserve the coastline cannot be successful unless it receives the full support of the local community. However much money in the form of grant aid is expended and however much planning effort is put in, it is the interest and pride of farmers, visitors and residents which will determine the true value of

## Heritage coasts



### \* Pilot experiments

these conservation programmes. Consequently, local people are asked to take part not only in the planning but also to assist physically by helping with environmental work or by helping voluntarily as private wardens to reduce acts of vandalism and trespass.

Heritage Coast Wardens are continuously undertaking a programme of improvement works all along the coast with a small full time workforce provided by the Job Creation Scheme. There is much to be done and most weekends throughout the year we are grateful for help from volunteer workers. During the holiday periods conservation work camps play a major role in getting improvement schemes started; this year Toc H volunteers laid the foundations for improving a free car park at Gileston (following an agreement with the Central Electricity Generating Board) and delineated areas ready for tree planting in the autumn.

Perhaps, the main success, therefore, at one of the first experimental Heritage Coasts in the country, has been to establish the concept of coastal conservation with a firm commitment for the future. Despite the problems created by the present climate of severe economic restraint, an experiment in coastal conservation has survived its first test; it has shown how community involvement can be cost effective and successful at all levels and the principles can now be extended to cope with the national situation. Then, hopefully, action on a national basis so that not only the Glamorgan Heritage Coast but all Heritage Coasts in Britain can be enjoyed by the people who visit them without detriment to local agricultural, wildlife, landscape and the local community; but perhaps more important, they will be a worthy heritage to hand on to those who come after us.



# YOUR LETTERS

# OBITUARY

## PROJECTS 1978

The weekend of September 30 1978 a very nice thing happened to me that I would like to share with Toc H members.

I work for a women's aid group that provides refuges for battered women and their children. Like all volunteer agencies we are badly understaffed and under resourced. When it became my responsibility to convert a derelict house into a habitable refuge I felt I had undertaken an insurmountable task. It seemed like we plodded on for ages with what space, time and help we could muster.

Miraculously, one of our workers came in contact with Penny Molyneux who suggested that a group of Toc H volunteers might solve our problem (I have come to regard her as my fairy godmother).

With very short notice she produced a work group large enough to build the pyramids with eagerness and enthusiasm to match. These volunteers (about 15 in all) some teachers, solicitors, students and others under the skilled leadership of one man thoroughly decorated our three storey house and changed a run down eyesore into a home, in the space of a weekend.

It is impossible to measure their accomplishment in practical terms and even more remarkable the warm and friendly atmosphere that they allowed me to be a part of.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank that particular group individually and Toc H as a whole for the invaluable work that you do.

**Bernice Binder**  
*Family Crisis Centre, London*

**Note:** Penny writes to say that it was possible to lay on this project at short notice only because volunteers came mainly from Talbot House and the London Marks.

## BE FAIR TO THE YOUNG

I sincerely hope that Gina Vianney's article in November's issue of *Point Three* was deliberately designed to be provocative.

It concerns me that there are so many generalisations within the article. Believe it or not, there are young people who enjoy '... good singing, classical music, opera and anything longer than three minutes duration ...' Millions of young people up and down the country are attending schools, colleges, universities and polytechnics, many of them on courses that vary in length from one to six years. I also fail to see the

connections in the statement, '... There has to be a quick return, so real training is still confined to the rich ...'

On the inside cover of *Point Three* it is stated that the magazine acts as a forum about Toc H, and the world we live in. It also mentions that the third point of the Compass is to think fairly. I would challenge Gina Vianney's article in that it does not allow readers to judge fairly the facts about 'young people'. John Durham in *The Four Points of the Compass* sums this up eloquently. He says '... Most of us escape the tragedy of coming to believe that our fancies are more real than facts. But of how many of us can it be said that "he never falsifies the facts". That we do falsify them we are often unaware, and when charged "with the offence will vehemently deny it. In its most common form the offence shows itself as an inability to record events accurately, a capacity for exaggerating numbers and a superlative power of misquotation. Then comes what amounts to an alteration of the facts themselves by colouring them with our own likes and dislikes. Finally, there is a refusal to admit that the facts exist ...'

Is accuracy and balance all that much to ask for in an article?

**Arend Hoogervorst**  
*Wellingborough, Northants*

## MEMORIES!

The pictures in the November issue brought back to me the long association which the Queen Mother has had with our Movement. I remember very vividly her being with us in 1924 in All Hallows at the time of the Birthday Festival. From that time (when she came as HRH The Duchess of York) until now she has kept her interest in our work and aims.

In a recent number of *Point Three* a correspondent asked for reminiscences of Tubby and it took my mind back to over 50 years ago. As young marrieds we lived in Lewes and Tubby called on us for tea on his way through to a meeting in Brighton. My wife who was resting, as she was expecting our first baby, was not in the kitchen and Tubby and I got the tea. In the lighting of the gas stove he scorched the enamel top of the table with a match and he ringed it round with a pencil mark 'Tubby did this'.

For years that corner of the table was nurtured and all members of the branch or of the LWH were introduced to Tubby's autograph on our kitchen table.

**Ted Terry**  
*Hailsham, Sussex.*

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

### August:

Percival G Hillier (Hartley Wintney)

### October:

Owen R Jasper (South Ashford)

R G 'Reg' Mills (Barnstable)

Reginald B Streeton (Loughton)

### November:

Dorothy M Good (Norwich)

Flo I Haddock (Mochdre)

Olive Kemp (Hayle)

E L 'Jimmy' Newby (Market Rasen)

F Reg Phillips (Llandrindod Wells)

Rose M Pittman (East Worthing)

In the passing of Alan Cowling last October, Toc H lost yet another of those who guided our worldwide Family during the years of increasing influence. He joined the staff here at home in the early '30s and made many friends as Secretary in the old East Midlands Area. In 1934 he was asked to go to Australia to consolidate the work of the 'Region Team' which had emerged from the journeyings of Rex Calkin, Ronnie Wraith and Stuart Greenacre and which produced astonishing results throughout that great Commonwealth, including the setting up of many new groups.

In 1938 Alan married Ruth Martin of Adelaide, and there began a partnership which was powerful to help all good causes, and provided an 'Open House' for all friends of Toc H. Our love and sympathy goes out to Ruth whose constant care throughout Alan's last illness has drawn the admiration of everyone.

When war broke out in 1939 Toc H Australia immediately agreed to work in co-operation with Home HQ and make its staff available for work wherever the need was greatest. Alan was posted to the Middle East and made many friends in Cairo and among our troops there. But it was in India and Burma (with John Callf) that he rendered his most distinguished service. When the Honours List showed that he had been awarded the MBE for his work we felt that all Toc H had been recognised.

Alan went into business in 1946 joining the large British Motor House of South Australia, and finally retired some 10 years ago. In his last illness he showed a patience and good humour which touched all. We have lost a 'grand Toc H man'.

KB



When Tommy Glanfield died in Amersham on 23 October 1978, a direct link with Tubby Clayton was broken. As a gunnery sergeant on duty in 'the salient', he refused to tell Tubby the number of his unit and his CO's name! That unpromising meeting led to a life long friendship. In fact, Tommy's CO at that time was Major Sir Herbert Shiner — one of the small band who worked to set up Toc H when the war ended. Vaughan Williams was a junior officer in the same battery. Tubby loved to visit his old friend whenever he could. The last branch meeting Tubby attended was at the Chalfont Centre and for that night, the meeting's chairman was Tommy Glanfield MM — never a Toc H member but a strong and generous supporter to the end of his days.

Norwich Women's Branch write to tell us of the loss they have suffered with the death of founder member Dorothy Good. Dorothy was a source of great strength and encouragement to everyone she met — particularly to new and younger members. For many years she was a keen worker for the blind and the physically handicapped. She was a past branch chairman and, until her recent illness, Norwich District Chairman.

South Ashford (Kent) Men's Branch suffered a great loss when Owen Jasper died in October last. Owen was a founder member of the branch and branch secretary for most of its life. Earlier he had been a founder member of Chilham (Kent) Branch and secretary for many years of Ashford Town Branch.

Peth Whitfield writes:

Dorothy Keane (Merseyside District) died peacefully in her sleep on 8 October. Dorothy joined the former Liverpool (Women's) Branch in 1930 and, when the branch closed, transferred her loyalties to the Merseyside District (though her interests and concern ranged much wider). She had a special love for Warden Manor and gave much to its fellowship from its earliest years. The Toc H Lunch Club at Liverpool's Gladstone House will remember Dorothy's deep caring and bright spirit and the indomitable courage with which she faced increasing arthritis in recent years. During my time on the Toc H staff, Dorothy travelled many miles with me in the NW Region and beyond. Her love and understanding and her rich humour were an inspiration to me and to all those whose lives she touched over the years.

We give thanks for their lives

# Family Matters

by Gina Vianney



## GRATITUDE CAN BE HARD

One of the recurring wounds inflicted on any vocation is that of ingratitude on the part of those served. A mother recently said to me, about a son making fantastic leaps in his education, 'It never occurs to him what it has cost me. I gave up my life to him. He wouldn't be there if I weren't out working instead of enjoying my home'. She wasn't complaining. She had observed a weakness in her son's character. What profit him all his degrees and congratulation if he wound up a selfish sponger? He took all the credit to himself. Yet how to make him pause and think?

In pagan Rome ingratitude was punished by law. It was recognised as not ideal in a citizen. How many parents want to swipe the seat of an ungrateful child, whatever his age, when hard effort and sacrifice is taken entirely for granted, as by right. As though parental duty covered all.

It isn't just families. How many of us look on a priest as a lackey; never stopping to think that he really lives for us, no matter how it doesn't meet our every need. He did have the impulse to give; he didn't go into it for the money, or the long holidays. He wanted to help people. One of the most acid corrosives of a demanding job is that cynical attitude, 'That's what he's there for'.

Sometimes gratitude is there in the recipient. Pride, lack of ability to communicate, fear of further involvement; lots of reasons can prevent it from being expressed.

Merely going through the sounds and motions is not the heart feeling; the true consideration of another that prompts a need to do something in return. To pay back in another way what is given.

I recall sitting with a mother whose baby had just had his fourth operation. She had accepted the situation and adjusted to it. What she wanted shouted round the country was that mothers with healthy children should be thankful for them, take better care of them, and stop grumbling about what time they take, or what they cost, or how it takes them away from other things.

Undoubtedly one way to teach gratitude is to withdraw the privilege. Let them try life without it.

The best way to shake the person who takes too much for granted, is to make him stop and think, then ask, for what he needs or wants. Blindness is human and he may not realise. It is important for a parent to point out. The high living standard today sets a norm of practice that many families simply cannot meet. If a child resents poverty of material things, he must be made to see the value of the mental, emotional and spiritual qualities in his life, that more neglectful parents don't provide. Self sacrifice for a child turns to resentment, with a sour rebellion all its own, when it isn't even noticed, let alone appreciated. But young people very often have to have things spelled out to them. They can't be condemned before they are aware of the facts and free to choose what they do as a result. Sometimes it's the parents who won't admit it is too hard.

Some people can't feel gratitude. The very old, the hard minded, the selfish. The only way with them is to do what pleases them. They are grateful for that.

For consolation we have to turn to something else. The flexible and reasonable who are well able to respond should be told what they are costing someone else, and prompted to do something about it. No one person is entitled to live by bleeding another dry. Especially if his own sacrifices for what he wants to do are negligible.

Gratitude is the ability to see behind an action, and observe the motive, which is always love if it's genuine; a mark of real generosity is what is lacking, and so often lost. The two way exchange is a spiritual 'meeting'. A mark of the saved. Where lies the root of the problem. Both giving and gratitude are the movement of converted people. Generosity is a spiritual gift, getting larger and more powerful as right life proceeds. Those who envy it try to kill it, often by deliberately ignoring it, by deriding it, by making it seem unnecessary. The work of the Devil.

Ingratitude is symptomatic of the fallen; the unconverted, unspiritualised. We should leave them, expecting nothing in return, once duty is done.

How is our own gratitude, to God who gave us our conversion? 'Gratitude and self surrender' are what St Theresa of Lisieux told us are all God wants. If we master that, we shall be the better able to love his people.





Young people in the Movement like to get together from time to time. Some months ago, they gathered in Leeds from all over the North. In November youngsters from all over the country met in Warrington under the leadership of John Mitchell. They made a number of suggestions for future nationwide 'dos' and no doubt we shall be hearing more of these. Perhaps more importantly, they all had a good time and, as one of them told me, 'everyone there made new friends'.

*They're all 21! Rushden Royal (Northants) Women's Branch came of age recently and the celebration attracted over 200 guests, including former members from Herne Bay, Peterborough and Walsall.*



*Toc H Bristol branches met in November for their second festival of arts and crafts, which attracted over 160 entries from 70 members. Winning branch was*

*Knowle Women's and here's Pam Cheale accepting the cup on their behalf from staff member Tom Gulliver.*

## SPECTACLES AGAIN

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## Bordon Letter

by Rev John Hull

I have said recently that the biggest test for a celebrating faith is to retain it in spite of woe. To convey hope, love, joy and peace — fruits of the Spirit that we talk about in Toc H — when we might be depressed, sad, or in pain is far from easy.

You will know, by now, there's no slick answer. We can be helped only by our own experience and then it depends on how we interpret that experience. I do know, however, that the people guaranteed to brighten my life — apart from my family — are those who in spite of their pain, bereavement, or immobility, retain a zest for living and a love of humanity while their affliction might give them good reason to be thoroughly miserable. Yet in each case, because of their faith in Christ — which has not come easily to them — they give out hope, love, joy and peace, at least as far as I can understand what those qualities mean. Among my light givers have been people to whom others might ask 'why does God allow it to happen?' — a stupid thing to say but such is their condition. They themselves would say, and do so, 'thank you God for the privilege of being alive'.

But I still moan sometimes, though I hope I am learning bit by bit. It is a slow process. I often think that the real world is far removed from things we read in the papers. When the crunch comes the question is 'am I pulling my weight as a human being who says he believes about Jesus?' That could get depressing if we let it. The danger is getting so bound up with ourselves and our own faith that the priority of concentrating on loving God and other people will be lost.

Jesus on the cross didn't have much to say about himself. His first thoughts were for others. He didn't have much to say about material things like money but He said His prayers and demonstrated the love that He had been talking about to those who would listen. I have friends who demonstrate something of this everyday. I dare say you do too. Perhaps you're one of them so don't bother to read any more. Thank God for all those people who radiate hope, love, joy and peace, especially those who might have good cause to do otherwise.

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4	Science and religion	Toc H in West Midlands and South Wales
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6	The production of food	Toc H in South West Region
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8	Stewardship	Finance Department
9	Industrial relations	Toc H in North Eastern Region
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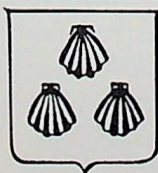


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